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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Requirements for Low-Level Reconnaissance  
of Cuba

REFERENCES : (a) USIB-D-41.14/13, 21 February 1963  
(b) USIB-D-41.14/15, 5 March 1963

The United States Intelligence Board, at its meeting on this date, considered the report on the subject by the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance in reference (b), and took the following actions with respect thereto:

a. Noted a statement by the Chairman that, while he had not pressed for authorization for low-level flights because of certain negotiations which it was anticipated would be completed within a few days, he was prepared to request approval by the Special Group for such flights without much further delay. He expressed the view that he did not believe there was much difficulty as to the priority regarding Soviet military camps or unidentified installations, since it should be possible to cover both of these types of targets.

b. Noted that the Acting DIA member and the Joint Staff member believed that the unidentified installations should have priority, although they did not object to requesting coverage of the camps as well.

c. Noted that the Acting CIA member believed every effort should be made to obtain information about the removal of Soviet troops from Cuba, and that this should include low-level coverage of the camps.

d. Concurred in the proposal by the Chairman that he request approval by the Special Group for low-level

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reconnaissance of both the Soviet military camps and the unidentified installations referred to in reference (b), the timing of such request to be decided by Mr. McCone relative to the status of the negotiations referred to in a. above.

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